

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of: Lowell L. Winger et al.  
Serial No.: 10/624,253  
Title: METHOD AND/OR CIRCUIT FOR BINARY ARITHMETIC  
DECODING DECISIONS BEFORE TERMINATION  
Filed: July 22, 2003  
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Examiner: Rao, A.  
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In Response To: Office Action mailed May 30, 2008

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 30, 2008,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows: